



SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Coalition Type

Domestic violence and sexual assault

Year Formed

1981

Year Incorporated

1983

Staff

2 full-time-equivalent staff members

Fiscal Year

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Member Programs and Services

Altogether, 27 programs are members of the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Five of the 27 reported themselves to be dual programs, providing services for both domestic violence and sexual assault issues, 10 focus solely on domestic violence, and 12 focus solely on sexual assault.

Special populations addressed by the member programs included incarcerated women, adult and child survivors of sexual abuse, nonoffending family members, children of domestic violence victims, the bilingual, lesbians, and the physically handicapped.

As exhibit 1 demonstrates, most programs offer a variety of services. All member programs offer an independently run hotline and community education/speakers bureau, and nearly all member programs offer on-site shelter for abused women and their children, support groups for women, education programs in elementary or high schools, and training for professionals.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=15)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
15	Independently run domestic violence hotline
14	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
14	Support group for women
12	Legal advocacy program
9	Medical advocacy program
13	Specific support program for sheltered children
12	Services for non-sheltered children
14	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
12	Education programs in colleges or universities
15	Community education/speakers bureau
14	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
7	Transitional/second-stage housing
7	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
0	Other services

Five coalition member programs also offer sexual assault prevention and services. Of these dual programs, most report that they dedicated a larger average percentage of their efforts to domestic violence work (54 percent) than to sexual assault work (46 percent). Exhibit 2 indicates the services provided by dual member programs of the coalition and those member programs that focus solely on sexual assault prevention and services.

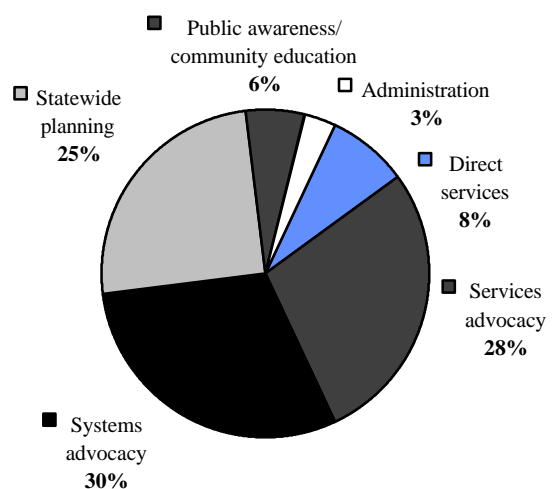
**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=17)
offering various sexual assault services**

Number of programs	Service
16	Independently run sexual assault hotline
15	One-on-one counseling
17	Support group for adult women
11	Support group for teenage girls
3	Support group for male victims
13	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
8	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
11	Secondary support group for parents of victims
17	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
17	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
15	Legal advocacy program
15	Medical advocacy program
16	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
16	Education programs in colleges or universities
17	Community education/speakers bureau
15	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
14	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
3	Other services (<i>training programs for volunteers, support groups for 6- to 11-year-olds, and multidisciplinary child/adolescent assessment/treatment center with medical component</i>)

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

The bulk of the coalition's work was devoted to services advocacy, systems advocacy, and statewide planning (figure 1). Together, these operations composed 83 percent of the coalition's efforts. The coalition devoted 8 percent of its time to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families, friends, or supporters. Also, 6 percent of the coalition's time was designated to inform and mobilize the general public around domestic violence or sexual assault issues, and 3 percent was dedicated to administrative duties.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence/sexual assault coalition level among various operations



Special Projects of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition

The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault identified two special projects undertaken by the coalition in fiscal year 1995. One addresses domestic violence issues and one addresses sexual assault issues.

“Ms. Magazine”

Description: Coalition contributed to the publication of domestic violence advertisements in a women’s magazine.

Purpose: Direct services

Funding source: Nongovernmental funding

State Victim Assistance Program

Description: The coalition worked on a conference on the Victim Assistance Program and sexual assault.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

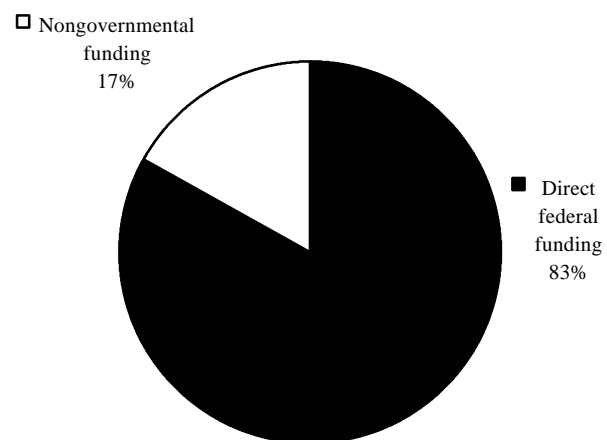
Funding source: Nongovernmental funding

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

This dual coalition was able to offer separate reports on its revenues related to domestic violence and to sexual assault. Of the coalition’s total budget, 84 percent was dedicated to domestic violence work and 16 percent to sexual assault work.

The total income for *domestic violence-related* efforts placed the coalition in the lowest quartile of funding (\$70,000 or less) when compared to other domestic violence coalitions in this inventory. Figure 2 shows that the majority of funding came directly from the federal government in the form of a state coalition grant, funded through the Family Violence and Prevention Services Act (FVPSA). The remaining 17 percent was provided by nongovernmental sources of funds discussed on page 19 of this report.

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentages of domestic violence-related funding: South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



The total income for sexual assault-related efforts placed this dual coalition in the lowest quartile of funding (less than \$7,000) when compared to exclusively sexual assault focused coalitions in this inventory. Revenue from sources other than federal or state funds was the only income for the South Carolina coalition. These nongovernmental sources of funds included membership dues and conference and training fees. No money for sexual assault services was passed to local programs.

Federal and State Funding

Exhibit 3 displays governmental sources of funds for *domestic violence-related* work.

Exhibit 3. Sources of <i>domestic violence-related</i> government funding reported by the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) 	None

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

As with governmental funding, the coalition was able to identify nongovernmental income designated for domestic violence and that designated for sexual assault. Exhibit 4 describes the nongovernmental sources of *domestic violence* revenue for the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Foundation and corporate grants were the largest source of this type of income, composing 83 percent of the coalition's nongovernmental income. Private donations, local program dues, and other nongovernmental sources, specifically conference and training fees, contributed to the remaining 17 percent of revenues received by the coalition.

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* received for <i>domestic violence</i> services and prevention: Reported by the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	83%
Private donations	6%
Local program dues	9%
General membership dues	0%
Other nongovernmental sources	2%

*Nongovernmental funding was 17% of total domestic violence-related funding.

The *sexual assault* segment of the coalition was supported solely by nongovernmental sources. Conference and training fees (shown as "other nongovernmental" sources in exhibit 5) were the main source of funding for the coalition.

Exhibit 5. Sources of nongovernmental funding* received for <i>sexual assault</i> services and prevention: Reported by the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Local program dues	10%
Other nongovernmental sources	90%

*Nongovernmental funding was 100% of total sexual assault-related funding.

Funds Passed to Local Programs

As indicated earlier in this report, no sexual assault funding was passed to local programs. Of the total amount received from nongovernmental sources for domestic violence-related issues, 83 percent was passed to members of the coalition.

South Carolina State Government Agencies

Three state agencies reported distributing funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention during fiscal years 1994-95 and 1995-96.

South Carolina Department of Social Services, Fiscal year: September 1994 - October 1995 Battered Spouse Program

During fiscal year 1994-95 the South Carolina Department of Social Services administered \$1,310,000 to domestic violence organizations in the state of South Carolina. The bulk of the money (\$1,019,000) was furnished by the state, generated entirely via tax revenues/general fund. The remaining \$291,000 was received from the federal government in the form of South Carolina's state formula grant, funded through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). All money distributed by the agency went to local domestic violence programs, four of which were not members of the state coalition.

Department of Public Safety, Fiscal year: April 1995 - March 1996 Office of Safety and Grants

The Department of Public Safety distributed funds for both domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention during fiscal year 1995-96. Of the total \$796,000 distributed through the agency, \$400,000 was targeted for domestic violence and \$396,000 for sexual assault services and prevention. The federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) provided the majority of funding (\$631,000), and the state furnished \$165,000, through the state Victims Assistance Program. Ninety-six percent (\$766,000) of the total revenue was distributed to local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies, and \$30,000 went to local government agencies. Note that this agency has reported for a fiscal year that begins 6 months after the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Seventy-six percent (\$305,000) of the funds distributed through the agency for domestic violence was furnished by federal government agencies through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The State Victims Assistance Program was the sole provider of state-generated domestic violence funding (\$95,000).

Recipients of the domestic violence funding distributed through the Department of Public Safety included local government agencies (\$30,000) and local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies (\$370,000).

As with domestic violence funding distribution, the majority of the sexual assault-related funding (\$326,000) was provided by the federal government's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Likewise, the state was the sole provider of funding (\$70,000) received from the State Victims Assistance Program. The entire amount of funds was distributed by the Department of Public Safety to local nonprofit/nongovernmental sexual assault agencies.

Department of Health and Environmental Control, Rape Crisis Center

Fiscal year: October 1994 - September 1995

All funding distributed through the Department of Health and Environmental Control during fiscal year 1994-95 was targeted for sexual assault services and prevention (\$685,000). Eighty-seven percent (\$595,000) was provided by the state government and was generated through tax revenues/general fund. The remaining \$90,000 was furnished through the federal government's Preventive Health Block Grant. The Department of Health and Environmental Control distributed the entire amount of funding directly to local sexual assault programs.

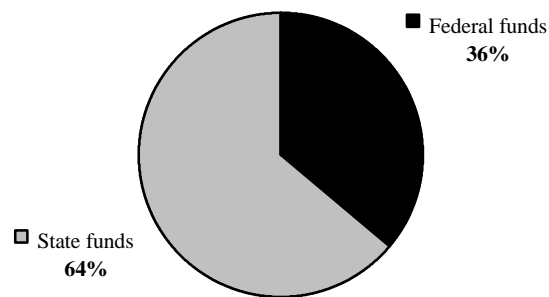
The agency reported that funds are currently used only for victim services, leaving no resources for other education, training, or surveillance activities. The agency representative feels that funding is needed for preventative services and for professional training for staff at rape crisis centers.

Federal and State Funding Reported by South Carolina State Government Agencies

Approximately \$2.8 million was distributed through South Carolina government agencies for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention. About two-thirds of these funds came from the state. The other one-third was generated by the federal government. The percentages of funding from both sources appear in figure 3 and the amounts are given in exhibit 6.

Exhibit 6. Federal and state funding totals reported by South Carolina state agencies	
Federal	\$1,012,000
State	\$1,779,000
Total	\$2,791,000

Figure 3. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by South Carolina state agencies

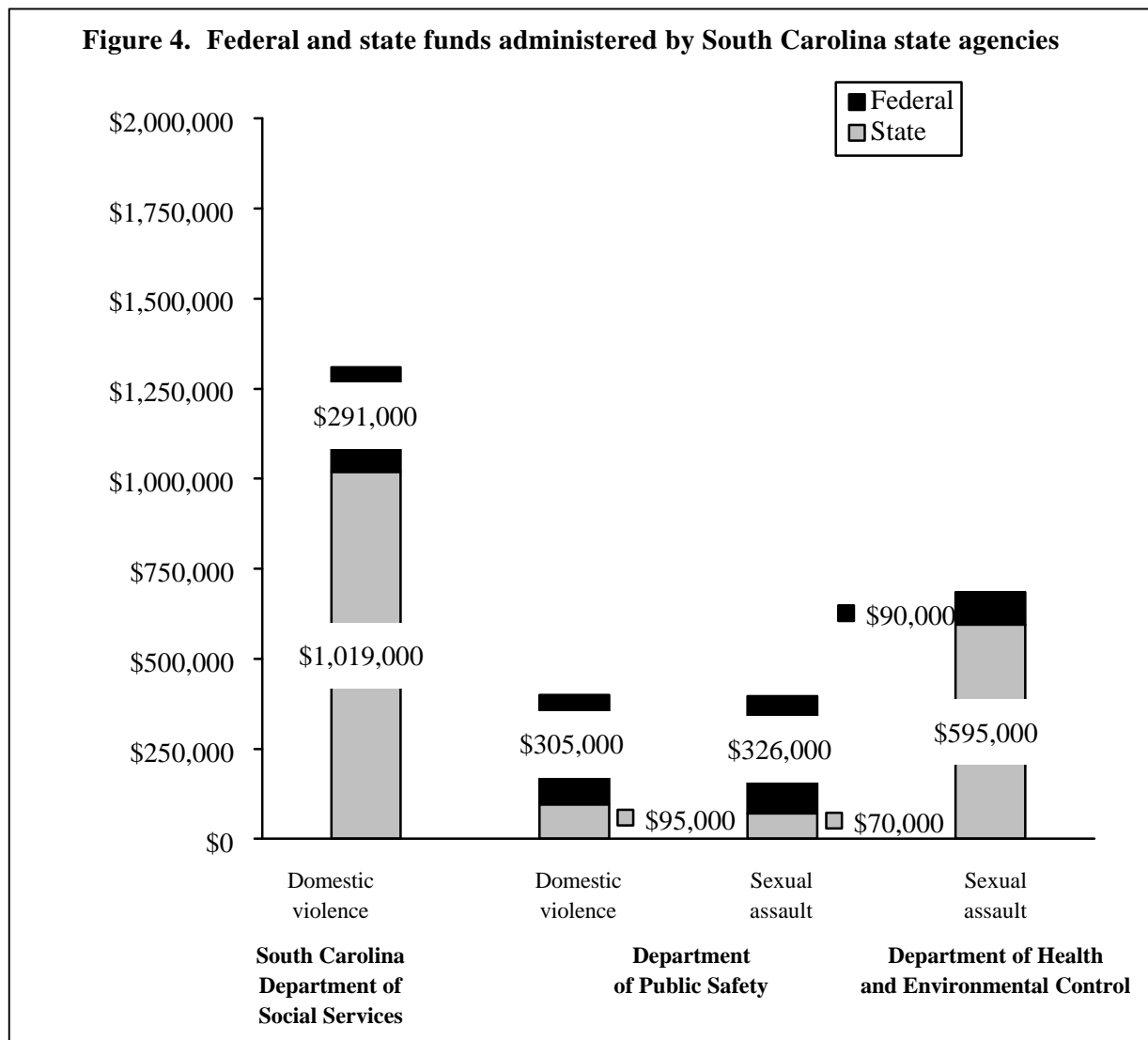


As with most state agencies, the Family Violence Prevention Act (FVPSA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Preventive Health Block Grant were sources of funding for both domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention. The state generated funds from the state Victims Assistance Program and tax revenues/general fund. The state government sources of funding reported by the agencies for both domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention are identified in exhibit 7.

Exhibit 7. Sources of government funding reported by South Carolina state agencies

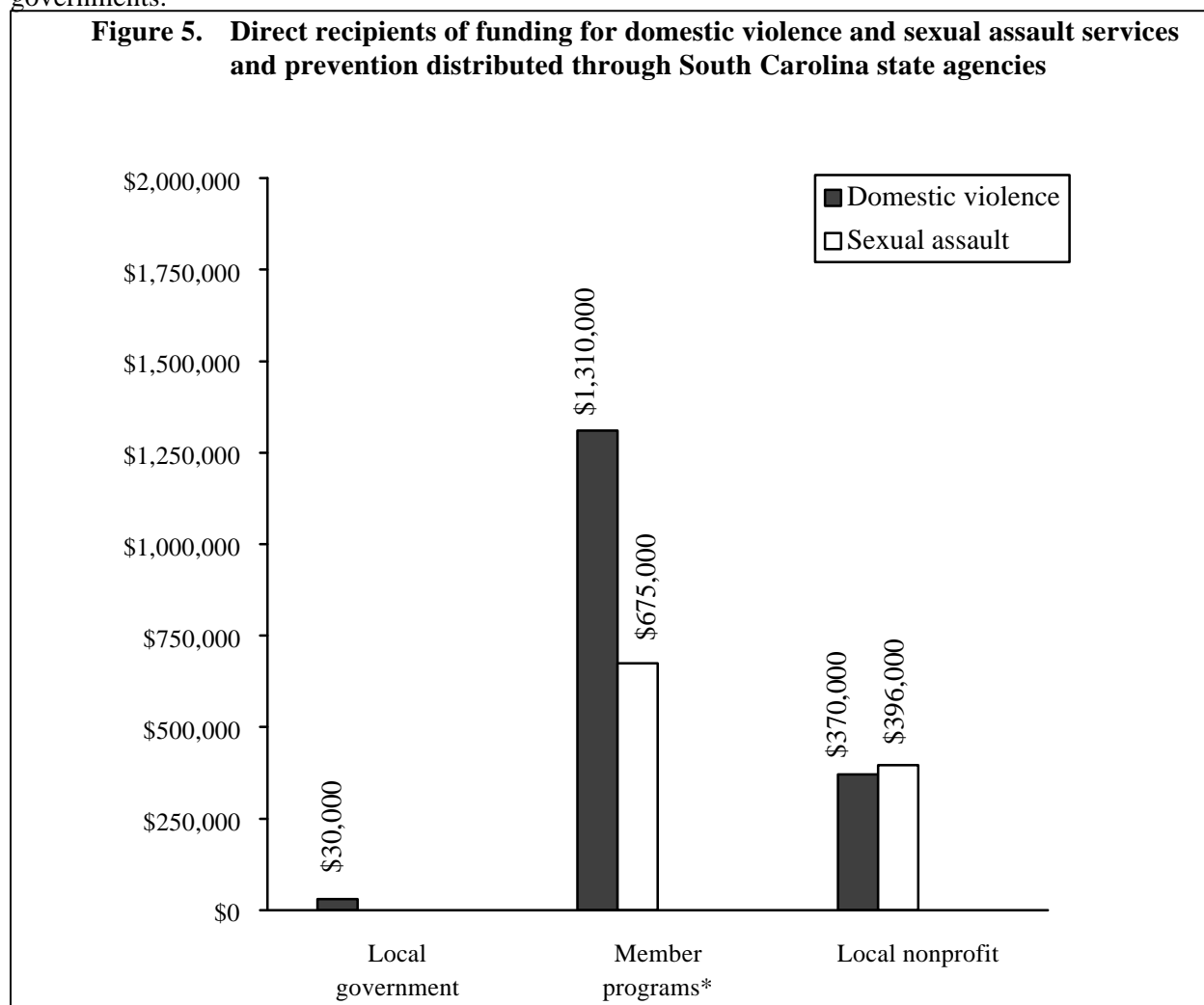
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$291,000 • Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$631,000 • Preventive Health Block Grant - \$90,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Victims Assistance Program - \$165,000 • Tax revenues/general fund - \$1,614,000

The amounts and types of funds distributed by each agency in South Carolina appear in figure 4.



Distribution of State-Administered Funds

Local programs received over \$1.9 million of state-administered funds, with local domestic violence programs receiving the most money (figure 5). The figures on the graph totaling \$2,781,000 reflects the amount of funding distributed through South Carolina state agencies. There is a \$10,000 discrepancy between the amount taken in by the state and the amount distributed because the Department of Health and Environmental Control provided conflicting figures regarding the total funding distributed (\$675,000) and the total amount received (\$685,000) by the federal and state governments.



*Included are four programs that are not members of the coalition.

Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

South Carolina agencies provided direct funding to many local programs. The Department of Public Safety funded 21 domestic violence programs and 22 sexual assault programs. The Office of Health and Environmental Control funded 17 local sexual assault programs, and the Department of Social Services funded 17 local domestic violence programs. Of these local programs, researchers ascertained that 3 domestic violence programs were not members of the state coalition. Exhibit 8 shows the domestic violence services provided by these program.

Exhibit 8. Number of local programs (N=3) offering various domestic violence services

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
0	Independently run domestic violence hotline
0	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
3	Support group for women
0	Legal advocacy program
0	Medical advocacy program
0	Specific support program for sheltered children
1	Services for non-sheltered children
2	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
0	Education programs in colleges or universities
3	Community education/speakers bureau
3	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
0	Transitional/second-stage housing
3	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
1	Other services (<i>family services, one-on-one counseling for women</i>)

One local program provided services for sexual assault only. This program provided all services queried for this inventory with the exception of legal and medical advocacy, and training for professionals (exhibit 9).

Exhibit 9. Number of local programs (N=1) offering various sexual assault services

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
1	Independently run sexual assault hotline
1	One-on-one counseling
1	Support group for adult women
1	Support group for teenage girls
1	Support group for male victims
1	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
1	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
1	Secondary support group for parents of victims
1	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
*	Legal advocacy program
*	Medical advocacy program
1	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
1	Education programs in colleges or universities
1	Community education/speakers bureau
*	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
1	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
0	Other services

*The respondent did not indicate whether or not the program offers these services.